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SUBJECT: IRANIAN OIL OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON REPORTED PARSKY

REMARKS

1. A HIGH IRANIAN OIL OFFICIAL MARCH 13 INSTRUCTED AN AIDE TO CALL EMBOFF AND MAKE FOLLOWING OFF-THE -RECORD AND PERSONAL COMMENTS REGARDING PRESS REPORTS OF REMARKS BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY TREASURY PARSKY ON THE UPCOMING MAY OPEC MEETING: SUCH COMMENTS AS PARSKY'S, THE HIGH OFFICIAL SAID, ARE BOTH ILL-ADVISED AND UNHELPFUL TO THOSE OF US WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PRICE INCREASE MUCH SMALLER THAN TEN PERCENT. MANY OPEC MEMBERS, HE SAID, WHEN THEY SEE THAT A US OFFICIAL HAS SPOKEN WITH APPARENT EQUANIMITY OF A GIVEN LEVEL OF PRICE INCREASE, TEND TO INTERPRET SUCH A FIGURE (AS PARSKY'S "MAXIMUM TEN PERCENT THIS YEAR") AS AN ACCEPTABLE MINIMUM. SUCH OPEC MEMBERS THEN ARGUE THAT "EVEN THE US HAS HINTED THAT IT WOULD HAVE NOT PROBLEM WITH A TEN PERCENT INCREASE." IF THE MAY OPEC MEETING DECIDES ON A PRICE INCREASE APPROACHING TEN PERCENT, THE OFFICIAL

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SAID, BLAME YOURSELVES.

2. COMMENT: IT MAY WELL BE TRUE THAT THIS IRANIAN OIL OFFICIAL HAS GLEEFULLY SEIZED AN OPPORTUNITY TO CAST IRANIAN OIL PRICE POLICY IN BETTER LIGHT DUE TO RESENTMENT AT WHAT THEY FEEL IS UNFAIR TREATMENT BY WESTERN PRESS ON THIS SUBJECT. WE HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME, HOWEVER, TO LEARN SOMETHING OF POSITION IRAN PLANS TO TAKE IN MAY OPEC MEETING, AND HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TURN UP ANY HINT THAT IRAN PLANS TO PUSH FOR MUCH IF ANY PRICE INCREASE.

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